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**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF ONTARIO OREGON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025, 6:00 PM, MT**
[Zoom Link](#)

Pursuant to the Public Meetings Laws and Rules within the Oregon Revised Statutes, the Parks Committee has the authority, ability, and standing to take action on any items on the Agenda, or add items to the Agenda, during a meeting, as long as all public meeting notice requirements have been met.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Marc Berg _____ Andrew Maeda _____ Deborah Folden _____ Vice-Chair Michael Partin _____
Chair Mike Pratt _____ Tyler Whitaker _____ Vacant _____

Ex-Officio City Manager Community Development Director _____ Public Works Director _____ Council
Liaison _____

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This Agenda was posted on January 13, 2025. Copies of the Agenda are available at City Hall and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

3) MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

4) MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES

A) November 21, 2024

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS Citizens may address the Parks Committee; however, the Parks Committee may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response. Out of respect to the members and others in attendance, please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6) ELECTIONS

- A) President
- B) Vice-President
- C) Secretary

7) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Report of City Council action on Lions Park - Dan
- B) Reports from Members Working on Grant Funding Projects - Service Club Members
- C) Mike Partin - Park Update

8) COMMENTS

9) ADJOURN

A) Next meeting February 20, 2025



**PARK'S
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday November 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m. MT**

The scheduled meeting of the Park's Committee was called to order by Commissioner Michael Pratt at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Committee members present in person were Mike Pratt, Michael Partin, Marc Berg, Michael Braden & Deborah Folden; Andrew Maeda was excused.

Others present in person were, Ex-Officio City Manager/Ex-Officio Economic Development Director Dan Cummings.

Public Works Director, Casey Mordhorst.

Michael Pratt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on November 20, 2024; copies of the agenda and minutes are available at the Public Works Headquarters and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 15, 2024

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BRADEN SECONDED BY MRS. FOLDEN TO ADOPT THE AUGUST 15, 2024, MINUTES: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

A) Marc Berg – Kiwanis Club President, Chris Plummer – Status of Lanterman Park Fencing:

- Kiwanis Club - Mr. Chris Plummer is the new Ontario Kiwanis club president.
- Mrs. Sara Ray will be the president-elect.
- Marc Berg will still be the Kiwanis contact for the Parks meetings. The Kiwanis board asked to get an update on repairs at Lanterman Park. The club had installed a portion of a fence on Serve Day, back in April. The south fencing did not go in, as the sprinkler line was damaged while drilling post holes. Any updates?
- Public Works Director Casey Mordhorst stated that the sprinklers had been repaired and the grass was watered this summer. Kiwanis club would like to complete the fencing project, but this may have to wait until springtime.
- Kiwanis club also had plans to install fencing for a dog area at Beck Kiwanis Park. Will this be allowed?
- City Manager Dan Cummings answered the question. The city is planning on closing dog areas, specifically at Lions Park. The outer fencing will stay along the street. The inner fencing will be removed. JACOBS may wait until warmer weather. However, any club who is willing to take on the responsibility, to manage the dog feces clean-up, then a dog area could be created. Otherwise, the city is not going to authorize any new dog areas.

B) Michael Braden - Report: "Growing Equity: Urban and Community Forestry Subaward Program"

- Michael Braden gave an update on the grant applications. The Oregon ODF Urban Community Forestry grant was submitted. This was a request for \$573,000, which does not require any matching funds. If approved, the funding would cover multiple years of planning. Phase I would include a long-range plan, hiring an arborist and landscape designer. The goal is to increase the number of tree cover in city spaces by 10%. Phase II would be to implement those plans, including the trimming of dead branches, removal of older trees, and locations for new trees. The ODF Tree Plotter tool will allow all the city trees to be mapped out.
- Michael Braden is also preparing a similar grant through Oregon DLCD. This is due by December 2nd. The amount requested was scaled down to \$450,000 and does not require any matching funds. This application would increase the tree cover by 5% throughout the city. Together, these grants would fund city park improvements for the next several years.

- Michael Braden was voted onto the city council. He will be sworn in next January and will no longer be able to serve on the Parks Committee. December will be his last Parks meeting.
- An upcoming grant application is through Oregon Parks and Recreation (OPRD). This will be under the “local government grant” program. This could include the purchase of property at Moore Park, whose purchase would count towards the 40% match requirement. The city has an approved Master Plan for Moore Park, from a few years back. ORPRD grant funds could be used in phases.
- Committee Chair Mike Pratt updated his findings. One of the city signs at the park was tagged with graffiti. He was able to clean and remove the paint vandalism.
- Vice-Chair Michael Parton gave an update on Laxson Park. They are still planning on using the matching funds. A walking path and exercise equipment along the path is the goal, with the new ADA Wheelchair Swing Set. Total cost estimated to be \$20,000. City can match half of the cost. When would the city like to review the purchases?
- City Manager Dan Cummings would like the following:
 - Complete a Master Plan for Laxson Park.
 - Plans are approved by the city.
 - Public Works can review the specific purchases and installations.
 - Construction completed.
- ORD - Pool Update
- City Manager Dan Cummings gave the update. ORD is asking for more space within Lions Park. Would any of the clubs have issues with this idea? Parking spaces would be increased along the east side of the park and into the center of the park. A new outdoor pool could be designed for the area northwest of the indoor pool. This is the area designated for an indoor gym (in previous proposals). There will also be updates on slides and playground equipment.
- For now, the design for the indoor gym is on hold. The cost estimates during the bidding on the indoor pool repair were significantly higher than expected. The indoor pool is also on hold, unless the gym could be constructed in the pool area, etc.
- ORD is asking for the property for parking, but the city will not deed the property over until funding is successful. The city council meeting on Dec 10th will discuss the pool and parking options.
- The flagpole replacement is still planned for the southwest corner of Lions Park.

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION**NO RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION WAS MADE.**

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**NONE****ADJOURN****RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION****THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MR. BERG, and SECONDED BY MR. PARTON, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR December 19, 2024, AT 6:00PM.**

Approved:

Signature_____
Date

(Chairman Michael Pratt, Vice-Chairman Michael Partin)